

**REMARKS**

In the last Office Action, the Examiner requested information concerning ownership of this application and U.S. Patent No. 5,479,378. As noted by the Examiner, at one point this application was assigned to and owned by Seiko Instruments Inc. whereas U.S. Patent No. 5,479,378 was assigned to and owned by Seiko Telecommunications, Inc.

In reply to the Examiner's requirement for information, both applicant Kazumi SAKUMOTO and assignee Seiko Instruments Inc. confirm and state, through their undersigned attorney of record, that the present application is currently owned by Seiko Instruments Inc., and Seiko Instruments Inc. states, through its undersigned attorney of record, that U.S. Patent No. 5,479,378 is also currently owned by Seiko Instruments Inc. In sum, the present application and U.S. Patent No. 5,479,378 are currently commonly owned by Seiko Instruments Inc.